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October 9, 1903 1700

Six new cases—County quarantine—State military intervention.

Laredo, Tex., October 1, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

To-day's report is as follows: New cases, 6; suspicious cases, 2; deaths, none. Total cases reported to date, 45, with 3 deaths. Twenty-four houses disinfected, 10 with 103 rooms. Murray confirmed the presence of yellow fever at Minera, a mining camp 26 miles from Laredo, finding 7 cases and 1 death. Minera has no railroad communication except with Laredo. Tabor has taken all necessary precautions. There is no danger of the disease spreading from there. County quarantines are giving trouble in opening up freight traffic on Mexican-Texas Railroad. Tabor has requested State military intervention, and it has been granted. Situation here is not so encouraging. New foci are developing.

GUITERAS.

Assistant Surgeon Ebersole ordered to confer with local authorities.

OCTOBER 2, 1903.

EBERSOLE, Rice Hotel, Houston, Tex.:

Confer with local authorities. Advise their looking out for any refugees from Laredo since September 15. Wertenbaker will arrive in few days. Confer with him. He will return to New Orleans shortly hereafter.

WYMAN.

Pyrethrum powder and wood alcohol for use at Eagle Pass.

OCTOBER 2, 1903.

WERTENBAKER, New Orleans, La.:

Ship Hume, Eagle Pass, Tex., 100 pounds pyrethrum powder and 1 barrel wood alcohol.

WYMAN.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Wertenbaker ordered to Beaumont, Tex.

OCTOBER 2, 1903.

WERTENBAKER, New Orleans, La.:

See telegram to Lumsden. Proceed with him to Beaumont. After installing him and observing matters yourself for a day or two at Beaumont proceed to Houston, where same orders have been sent Ebersole. After a day or two in Houston wire. Bureau expects then to order you back to New Orleans, but await orders before leaving. Wire situation on leaving Beaumont; also on leaving Houston.

WYMAN.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Lumsden ordered to Beaumont.

OCTOBER 2, 1903.

LUMSDEN:

(Through commanding officer, marine hospital, New Orleans, La.) Proceed to Beaumont, Tex.; confer with local health authorities;